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Applicant's amendment of 11/13/03 is informal with respect to claim 9. Claim 9 is stated as being "currently amended," but there is no indication of amendatory subject matter. New rules for amending the claims require applicant to point out the changes to the claims. The reply filed on 11/13/03 is therefore not fully responsive to the prior Office Action. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to JOHN PAK whose telephone number is (703)308-4538. **Examiner Pak's telephone number will change on February 3, 2004. Examiner Pak's new number will be (571)272-0620, effective February 3, 2004.** The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's SPE, Thurman Page, can be reached on (703) 308-2927. Mr. Page's telephone number will change on February 3, 2004. Mr. Page's new number will be (571)272-0602, effective February 3, 2004.

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